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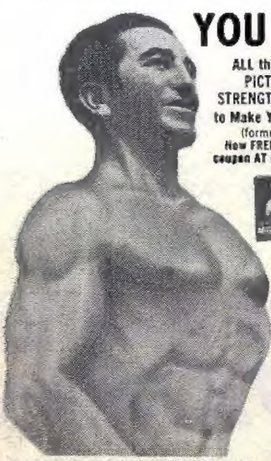

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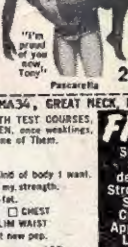

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SUB-MARINER, and
"THE MERCILESS PUPPET MASTER"
PART 1
HAVING DEFEATED THE RED GHOST ON THE MOON LAST ISSUE, THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SUPER-HERO TEAM HEADS FOR HOME AND NEW ADVENTURE!
SCRIPT........STAN LEE
ART..........JACK KIRBY
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MOVE, BUTTERFINGERS! I'LL TAKE OVER THE CONTROLS NOW! IT'S ALMOST TIME TO LAND THIS CRATE!
I'M GRABBIN' FORTY WINKS! WAKE ME WHEN WE'VE LANDED!
OKAY, PARTNER! BUT THE WAY I DESIGNED THIS BIRD, SHE CAN PRACTICALLY LAND BY HERSELF!
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED RADIO LANDING CLEARANCE!
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WONDER IF WE'LL RECEIVE MUCH OF AN OVATION WHEN WE LAND, REED?
AS THE FIRST EARTHMEN TO RETURN FROM A ROUND TRIP TO THE MOON? YOU CAN BET ON IT, LADY!
ALL AIR TRAFFIC HALTED WITHIN THOUSAND-MILE PERIMETER! FANTASTIC FOUR-- LAND AT WILL!
HERE THEY COME!
THEY MADE IT! THEY REALLY MADE IT!
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AS THE MIGHTY MOON-SHIP PREPARES TO LAND, EXCITEMENT REACHES A FEVER PITCH ALL OVER THE EARTH, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE FREE WORLD! AT NEW YORK'S GIGANTIC IDLEWILD AIRPORT, ALL EYES SCAN THE BLUE SKY ABOVE, UNTIL FINALLY...
THERE'S THE SHIP, CHARLIE! ROLL 'EM!
GOT 'ER! CLEAR AS A BELL!
LOOK AT HER GLIDING IN-- SMOOTH AS SILK!
HARD TO BELIEVE SHE'S THE BRAINCHILD OF ONLY ONE MAN! BUT I GUESS WHEN THAT MAN IS REED RICHARDS, IT COULD BE!
JUST THINK-- THIS SCENE IS BEING TRANS-MITTED BY TELESTAR TO EVERY PART OF THE GLOBE!
IT'S THEM ALL RIGHT!
SEE THE NUMBER FOUR ON THE TAIL!
EMERGENCY VEHICLES, STAND BY! ROLL THAT TRUCK OVER HERE! MOVE!
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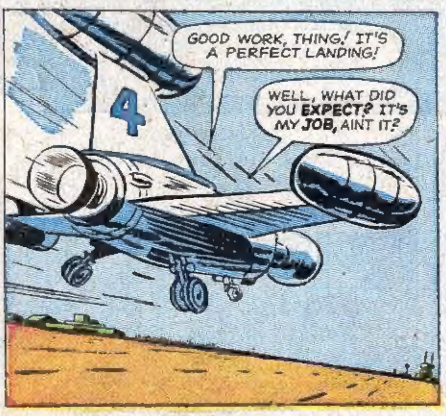
GOOD WORK, THING! IT'S A PERFECT LANDING!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? IT'S MY JOB, AINT IT?
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AND THEN, AS THE GREAT SHIP FINALLY COMES TO REST...
LOOK AT THAT TURNOUT! WE'LL BE MOBBED!
FIRST GUY WHO ASKS ME TO MAKE SPEECH GETS A FAT LIP!
YOU CAN'T BLAME PEOPLE FOR BEING EXCITED, BEN!

-ULP- WHAT A MOB! MAYBE IF I FLAME OFF, I CAN LOSE MYSELF IN THE CROWD!
SURE, WITH A MILLION CAMERAS ON YOU, AND WEARIN' THAT BRIGHT BLUE GET-UP, YOU'RE GONNA LOSE YOURSELF! WHAT DO YOU USE FOR A BRAIN, SQUIRT?
LOOK! THERE HE IS! IT'S MR. FANTASTIC!
SARGE--HELP! I CAN'T HOLD THESE NUTTY FEMALES BACK!
I'D DIE FOR A LOCK OF HIS HAIR!
NOW, GIRLS--TAKE IT EASY! LET'S NOT LOSE OUR DIGNITY!
THAT VOICE! THOSE EYES! THOSE SHOULDERS! HE'S TOO MUCH!
MISTER FANTASTIC FAN CLUB
CLAYVILLE CHAPTER
TWO RIVAL FAN CLUBS FIGHTIN' OVER MR. FANTASTIC! WHAT A SHOT!
WE SAW HIM FIRST!
FLASH!
HE'S OURS!
MEANWHILE, AT EVERY BIG EVENT, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO TRIES TO CASH IN ON THE PUBLICITY...
--AND MY FEARLESS WRESTLER, THE GOLDEN ANGEL, CHALLENGES THE THING TO MEET HIM IN A FIGHT TO THE FINISH! DID YOU GET ALL THAT, BOYS?
OF ALL THE CRUMMY CORNBALLS...!
SO YOU'RE THE GOLDEN ANGEL, HUH?
?
WELL, I AIN'T GONNA WRESTLE YOU! AND YOU KNOW WHY?
TRASH
'CAUSE YOU'RE SO BIG AND TOUGH THAT I'M SHAKIN' IN MY ITTY BITTY BOOTS, THAT'S WHY!
TRASH
SUE STORM, TOO, HAS HER PROBLEMS...
BUT YOU CAN'T TURN DOWN A CHANCE LIKE THIS! A LIFETIME HOLLYWOOD CONTRACT!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! I'M PREPARED TO PAY YOU A FORTUNE TO ENDORSE OUR DEODORANT ON TV!

WHERE DID SHE GO?
SHE MUST HAVE TURNED INVISIBLE!
SOME PEOPLE JUST HAVE NO GRATITUDE!
AT THAT MOMENT, HIGH OVER THE AIRPORT, A STRANGE, WARM-AIR FUNNEL SUDDENLY APPEARS, HOVERING OVER SUE, REED, AND THE THING...
ONLY ONE WAY TO GET MY LI'L PARTNERS AWAY FROM THAT MOB!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TRY THIS LITTLE GIMMICK! THE WHIRLING WARM AIR FORMS A SUCTION IN A VACUUM, AND THEN...
REED! BEN! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WE'RE BEING DRAWN UP INTO THIS WARM AIR FUNNEL BY THE TORCH! AND JUST IN TIME, TOO!
AWW, I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO CLOBBER ANYBODY BACK THERE IN THE MOB!
HI, GROUP! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!
AFTER CATCHING THEIR BREATH, THE COLORFUL FOURSOME HEADS FOR THEIR SKYSCRAPER SUITE VIA THEIR PRIVATE ROOFTOP ELEVATOR!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I OUGHTTA THANK YOU, OR PASTE YOU ONE, HOT-HEAD!
WHY DON'T YOU GO GET A JOB AS A FOOD TESTER IN A POISON FACTORY?!
FINALLY, UPON REACHING THEIR INNER SANCTUM...
AHHH, THIS IS THE LIFE! WAKE ME UP AT CHRISTMAS! NEXT CHRISTMAS!
HMMM, I THINK I'D BETTER DO A LITTLE HOUSE-CLEANING!
JUST SO LONG AS YOU DO IT SILENTLY!
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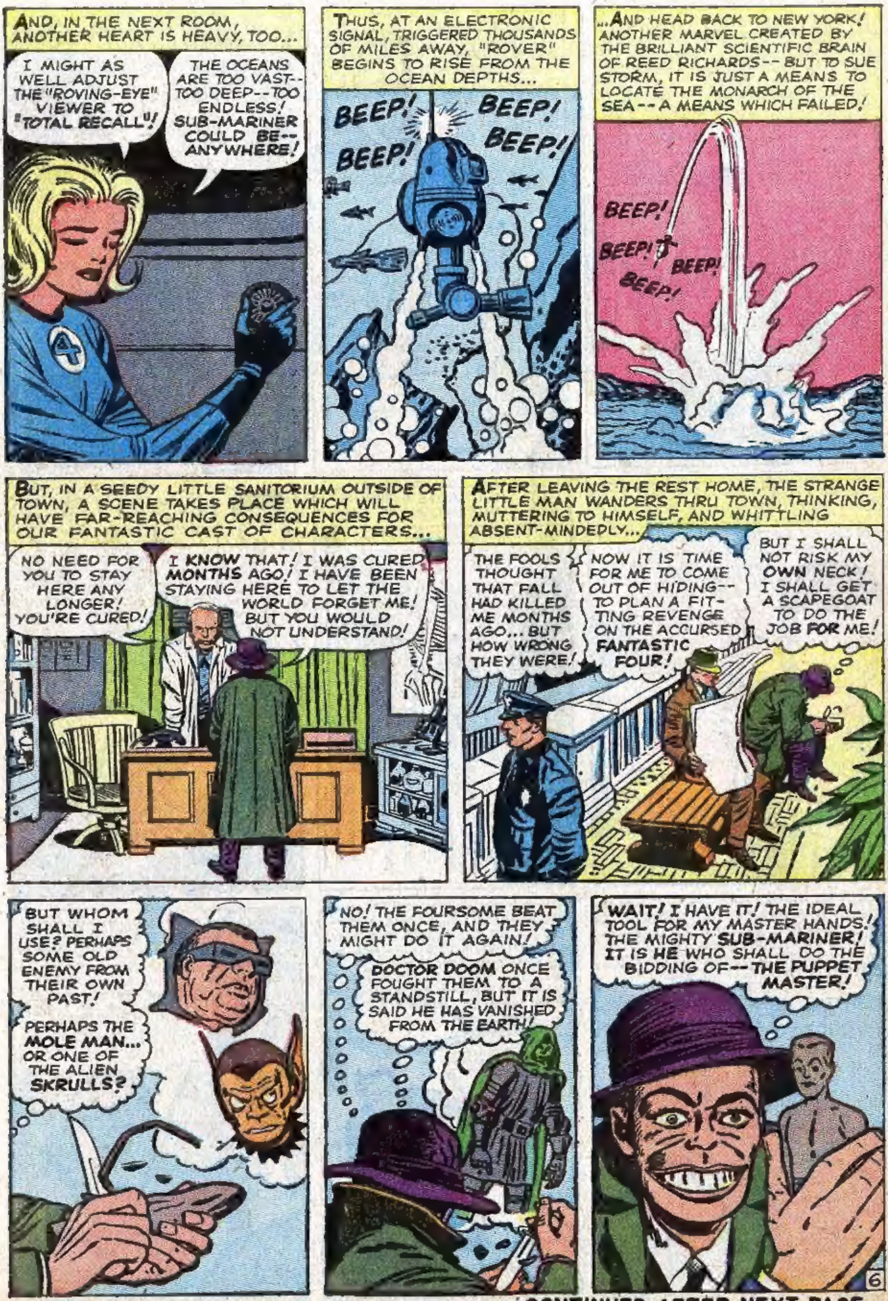
BUT, A FEW HOURS LATER, AFTER A GOOD REST, THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR...
THERE! THAT FINISHES MY SCIENTIFIC REPORT TO N.A.S.A. ABOUT OUR NEW ROCKET FUEL!
NOW I'LL FIND SUE AND ASK HER TO TYPE IT UP SO THAT WE CAN DISPATCH IT TO WASHINGTON VIA SPECIAL COURIER!
HMMM, THERE SHE IS, OPERATING MY NEW EXPERIMENTAL "ROVING-EYE" TV APPARATUS! SHE'S GOT IT FOCUSED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
SO THERE YOU ARE, SUE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
OH! REED! YOU--YOU STARTLED ME!
SHE BLANKED IT OUT IN ALARM! AND I'M SURE I KNOW WHY!
YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT THE SUB-MARINER, AREN'T YOU, SUE? NO, DON'T ANSWER--THERE'S NO NEED TO! SOMETIMES I WISH YOU COULD FIND HIM AGAIN, SO WE COULD SETTLE THINGS BETWEEN US, ONCE AND FOR ALL!
AND THEN, AFTER GIVING SUE THE REPORT TO TYPE...
STRANGE HOW NOBODY IS EVER REALLY MASTER OF HIS OWN FATE!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS BEING ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ALMOST ANYTHING! WITH MY SCIENTIFIC TALENT, AND MY SUPER-FLEXIBLE BODY, IT SEEMED THAT NOTHING COULD EVER DEFEAT ME!
"NOTHING COULD OUTSMART ME--NO PROBLEM COULD LONG REMAIN UNSOLVED WHEN I PUT MY MIND TO IT! NO OBSTACLE COULD STOP ME IF I DIDN'T WISH TO BE STOPPED!"
"PERHAPS I ALLOWED MY-SELF TO GET TOO OVER-CONFIDENT, TOO CONVINCED OF MY OWN ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING I SET MY MIND TO!"
FOR NOW, THOUGH THE WORLD KNOWS ME AS THE INVINCIBLE MISTER FANTASTIC, I AM UNABLE TO WIN MY MOST CHERISHED GOAL! I AM UNABLE TO COM-PLETELY CONQUER THE HEART OF THE GIRL I LOVE!



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AT THAT MOMENT, MANY FATHOMS BENEATH THE SEA WHICH IS HIS KINGDOM, THE ALMOST LEGENDARY SUB-MARINER, STILL SEARCHING FOR SOME TRACES OF HIS VANISHED PEOPLE, FINDS A STARTLING CLUE!
AT LAST! I'VE FOUND WHAT I'VE BEEN SEEKING! A SHIFTING UNDERSEA FAULT HAS REVEALED THESE TRACES OF ARTIFICIAL SHELTERS! THIS IS DEFINITE PROOF THAT MY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HERE WITHIN THE LAST DECADE!
I MUST FOLLOW THE TRAIL! NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I MUST FIND MY RACE! I MUST CLAIM MY ROYAL HERITAGE!
BUT SUDDENLY, AS THOUGH STRUCK A VIOLENT BLOW BY AN UNSEEN HAND, THE MIGHTY PRINCE NAMOR COMES TO AN ABRUPT HALT, AS A POWERFUL OCCULT FORCE TAKES CONTROL OF HIS MIND AND BODY!
UGH! CANNOT GO ON!
LIKE A MAN IN A TRANCE, HE RETURNS TO HIS HIDDEN HEAD-QUARTERS, LOOKING NEITHER LEFT NOR RIGHT...
MUST RETURN--MUST PERFORM A MISSION--CANNOT DISOBEY--THE PUPPET MASTER COMMANDS IT!
FLINGING APART A PAIR OF HEAVY DRAPES, THE SUB-MARINER FACES THE STRANGEST FORM OF UNDERSEA LIFE KNOWN TO MAN...THE WONDROUS MENTO-FISH WHICH CAN SENSE HUMAN THOUGHTS AND TRANSMIT THEM TO ANY POINT ON EARTH THRU MENTAL ELECTRO WAVES!
FACING THE AWESOME CREATURE, THE ONLY FISH OF ITS TYPE IN THE WORLD, NAMOR THINKS BUT ONE THOUGHT, OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
SUE, THIS IS SUB-MARINER! MEET ME--MEET ME--MEET ME--
AND, LIKE AN INSISTANT VOICE, WHISPERING IN HER EAR, SUE HEARS...
--SUB-MARINER--MEET ME--MEET ME--MEET ME--
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IT'S HIM! IT'S NAMOR! AT LAST!
I'VE GOT TO GO TO HIM! HE NEEDS ME!
BUT I MUSTN'T LET THE OTHERS SEE ME! THEY'LL MAKE A WAR PARTY OF IT IF THEY KNOW WHERE I'M GOING! AND I MUST GO ALONE--IT'S MY ONE CHANCE TO LEARN IF I REALLY DO CARE FOR SUB-MARINER!
FOLLOWING THE SILENT INSTRUCTIONS WHISPERED IN HER BRAIN, SUE FINALLY FINDS HERSELF AT A DESERTED PIER, ON NEW YORK'S LOWER EAST SIDE...
I'LL REMAIN INVISIBLE UNTIL I MAKE CERTAIN IT ISN'T A TRICK, OR A TRAP!
NO! IT CAN'T BE A TRAP! IT'S HIM! I'D KNOW HIM ANYWHERE!
NAMOR! I'VE COME! I--
WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK? WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?
WORDLESSLY, THE SEA MONARCH SUDDENLY MOVES ASIDE, TO REVEAL A FLUTTERING HYPNO-FISH BEHIND HIM... WITH ITS SINGLE HYPNOTIC EYE FOCUSED UPON SUE!
SHE IS UNDER YOUR SPELL! NOW DO AS I HAVE INSTRUCTED...
AT NAMOR'S COMMAND, THE AMAZING CREATURE FORMS A HUGE AIR BUBBLE AROUND THE DOCILE FIGURE OF SUE STORM! AND THEN...
INTO THE SEA WITH HER!
SHE WILL BE ABLE TO BREATHE NORMALLY UNTIL WE REACH MY DOMAIN... THERE TO AWAIT THE FURTHER ORDERS OF THE PUPPET MASTER!
AND SO HAVING BLINDLY FOLLOWED HER HEART, THE INVISIBLE GIRL HAS UNWITTINGLY SET THE STAGE FOR ONE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S MOST DANGEROUS ADVENTURES AS A GRINNING FIGURE GLOATS OVER THE SUCCESS OF HIS VENGEFUL PLAN!
AND NOW --IT IS TIME FOR STEP TWO!
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BACK IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE PUPPET MASTER DONS A LEAD-LINED SUIT, AND.
AS LONG AS THIS RADIO-ACTIVE CLAY HOLDS OUT, I AM COMPLETE MASTER OF ANY LIVING CREATURE WHOSE FORM I MOLD INTO A PUPPET!
THEN, AFTER THE CLAY HAS BEEN TREATED AND COATED WITH A THIN FILM OF LEAD PAINT...
MY REVENGE WILL BE MUCH SWEETER IF I DO NOT MANIPULATE THE FANTASTIC FOUR! INSTEAD, I SHALL LEAVE THEM THEIR FREE WILL, WHILE THE SUB-MARINER, UNDER MY CONTROL, DEFEATS THEM!
AND, BACK AT THEIR SKYSCRAPER HEADQUARTERS, THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE STILL UNAWARE OF THE DIRE DANGER WHICH AWAITS THEM...
HEY! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO HOLD THIS BLAMED THING?? IT FEELS LIKE IT WEIGHS TEN TONS!
IT DOES! THAT'S THE IDEA! I'M TRYING TO TEST, ONCE AND FOR ALL, EXACTLY WHAT THE LIMITS OF YOUR STRENGTH ARE!
WELL, TELL THAT BLAZING BRAT TO STOP PLAYIN' HIDE-AND-SEEK AROUND ME, OR I'LL SHOVE THIS OVER-SIZED TOOTHPICK DOWN HIS THROAT!
AW, I'M JUST TRYIN' TO SEE WHAT-- HEY! LOOK! LOOK WHO'S THERE!
IT'S THE SUB-MARINER! OUTTA MY WAY!
I'M 'WAY AHEAD OF YOU, PAL! HE'S MINE!
SCRUNTCH!
HEY! WHAT GIVES??? I WENT RIGHT THRU HIM!!!
YEAH? WELL I WON'T!

HERE, FISH-FACE! HERE'S A LITTLE TEN-TON GREETING FOR YOU! HOLY HANNAH! ARE WE UP AGAINST A GHOST OR SOMETHIN'!?
CRASH!
EASY, BEN! THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE! THAT ISN'T SUB-MARINER AT ALL! IT'S JUST A MENTAL PROJECTION OF HIM! REMEMBER? THAT'S ONE OF HIS POWERS, THRU THE USE OF AN UNDERSEA IMAGE TRANSMITTER!
AND I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU THAT THE INVISIBLE GIRL IS MY PRISONER!
HEARING PRINCE NAMOR'S STARTLING WORDS, THE HUMAN TORCH STREAKS FROM CHAMBER TO CHAMBER, UNTIL...
HE-HE MUST BE RIGHT! SHE'S GONE!
AND NOW, AS MY IMAGE FADES AWAY, I FLING THIS CHALLENGE AT YOU! I DEFY ALL OF YOU TO INVADE MY UNDERSEA REALM AND ATTEMPT TO RESCUE SUE STORM! FOR IF YOU DO, I SHALL DESTROY YOU ALL!
HE'S GONE!
AND WE'RE GOING AFTER HIM! WE'LL RIP UP HALF THE OCEAN FLOOR IF WE HAVE TO! BUT WE WON'T RETURN WITHOUT SUE! NOW LET'S MOVE!
MEANWHILE, IN A SMALL NAVY SURPLUS ONE-MAN SUB...
I HAVE DONE IT! I HAVE ASSEMBLED MY LITTLE CAST OF CHARACTERS!
AND NOW, THE STAGE IS SET, THE CURTAIN IS UP! SO, LET THE ACTION BEGIN!
AND THOUGH NO ONE OF THE ACTORS REALIZE THE PUPPET MASTER IS DIRECTING BEHIND THE SCENES, I SHALL WITNESS THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF MY ARCH-ENEMIES, AT THE HANDS OF MY POWERFUL PAWN-- SUB-MARINER!
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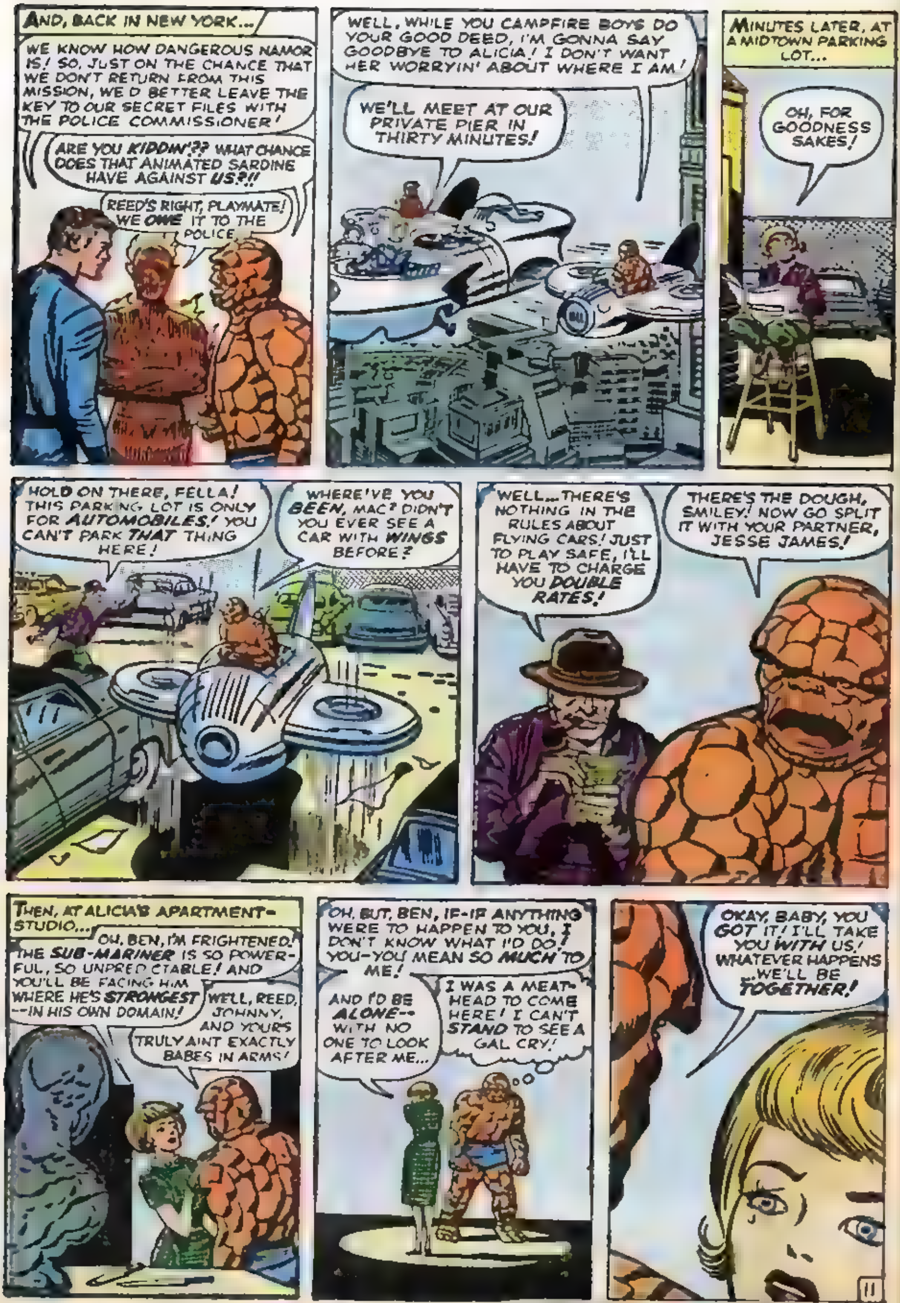

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HERE LAUGHING BOY! TO MAKE SURE I DON'T SCRAPE ANYBODY'S FENDERS WHEN I JET OUTTA HERE, I'LL JUST MOVE THESE OTHER HEAPS SAFELY OUTTA THE WAY!
DON'T! HOW'LL I EXPLAIN TO TO THEIR OWNERS?? CUT IT OUT! AWW, HAVE A HEART, WILL YA??!
THAT'LL TEACH THE OLD PIRATE NOT TO CHARGE DOUBLE FOR MY FANTASTI-CAR! I'M ALMOST SORRY I DIDN'T LEAVE THOSE JALOPIES PILED UP THERE, INSTEAD OF PUTTIN' 'EM BACK AGAIN AFTER HE GOT THE MESSAGE!
OH, BEN DEAR, IF ONLY YOU COULD LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR TEMPER!
NOT A CHANCE, HONEY! I GOT A REP TO LIVE UP TO! CAN'T DIS-APPOINT MY PANTIN' PUBLIC!
AND, EXACTLY THIRTY MINUTES LATER...
ADMIRAL SAWYER WAS VERY COOPERA-TIVE, BEN! HE LENT US THIS EXPERIMENTAL BATHYSCAPH WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED!
WELCOME ABOARD, ALICIA! WE HAD A HUNCH BEN WOULD BE BRINGING YOU!
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! I WAS ALL SET FOR A KNOCK-DOWN ARGUMENT ABOUT WHY I CAN'T TAKE HER WITH ME! NOW ALL THE SPEECHES I PREPARED ARE WASTED!
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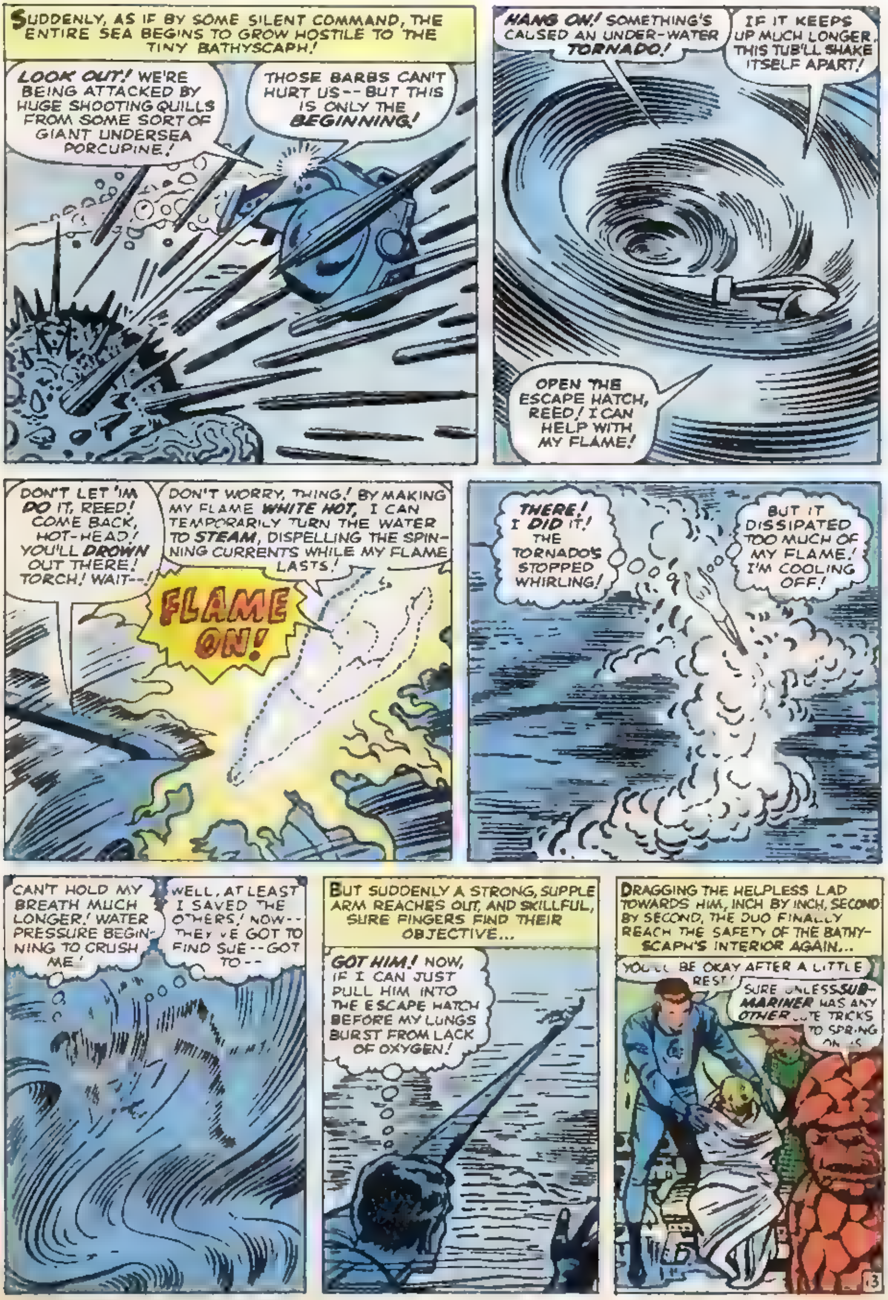
THEN, AFTER REACHING ONE OF THE DEEPEST OCEAN AREAS...
HEY, BIG BRAIN, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT PART OF THIS PUDDLE YOU'RE GONNA FIND THE SUB-MARINER IN?
I DON'T! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE POT LUCK! BUT I SUSPECT HE INHABITS THE VERY DEEPEST REGIONS--SUCH AS THIS AREA!
BE ON GUARD ALL OF YOU! SUB-MARINER IS PROBABLY OBSERVING OUR EVERY MOVE THRU ONE OF HIS COUNTLESS UNDERSEA DEVICES!
YEAH? WELL, I'M JUST SHIVERIN' IN MY LITTLE PINK BOOTIES!
LET HIM OBSERVE ALL HE WANTS TO! WHEN WE FIND HIM, WE'LL MOP UP THE OCEAN FLOOR WITH HIM!


SUDDENLY, AS IF BY SOME SILENT COMMAND, THE ENTIRE SEA BEGINS TO GROW HOSTILE TO THE TINY BATHYSCAPH!
LOOK OUT! WE'RE BEING ATTACKED BY HUGE SHOOTING QUILLS FROM SOME SORT OF GIANT UNDERSEA PORCUPINE!
THOSE BARBS CAN'T HURT US-- BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
HANG ON! SOMETHING'S CAUSED AN UNDER-WATER TORNADO!
IF IT KEEPS UP MUCH LONGER, THIS TUB'LL SHAKE ITSELF APART!
OPEN THE ESCAPE HATCH, REED! I CAN HELP WITH MY FLAME!
DON'T LET 'IM DO IT, REED! COME BACK, HOT-HEAD! YOU'LL DROWN OUT THERE! TORCH! WAIT--!
DON'T WORRY, THING! BY MAKING MY FLAME WHITE HOT, I CAN TEMPORARILY TURN THE WATER TO STEAM, DISPELLING THE SPINNING CURRENTS WHILE MY FLAME LASTS!
FLAME ON!
THERE! I DID IT! THE TORNADO'S STOPPED WHIRLING!
BUT IT DISSIPATED TOO MUCH OF MY FLAME! I'M COOLING OFF!
CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH MUCH LONGER! WATER PRESSURE BEGINNING TO CRUSH ME!
WELL, AT LEAST I SAVED THE OTHERS! NOW-- THEY'VE GOT TO FIND SUE--GOT TO--
BUT SUDDENLY A STRONG, SUPPLE ARM REACHES OUT, AND SKILLFUL, SURE FINGERS FIND THEIR OBJECTIVE...
GOT HIM! NOW, IF I CAN JUST PULL HIM INTO THE ESCAPE HATCH BEFORE MY LUNGS BURST FROM LACK OF OXYGEN!
DRAGGING THE HELPLESS LAD TOWARDS HIM, INCH BY INCH, SECOND BY SECOND, THE DUO FINALLY REACH THE SAFETY OF THE BATHYSCAPH'S INTERIOR AGAIN...
BE OKAY AFTER A LITTLE REST!
SURE UNLESS SUB-MARINER HAS ANY OTHER TRICKS TO SPRING
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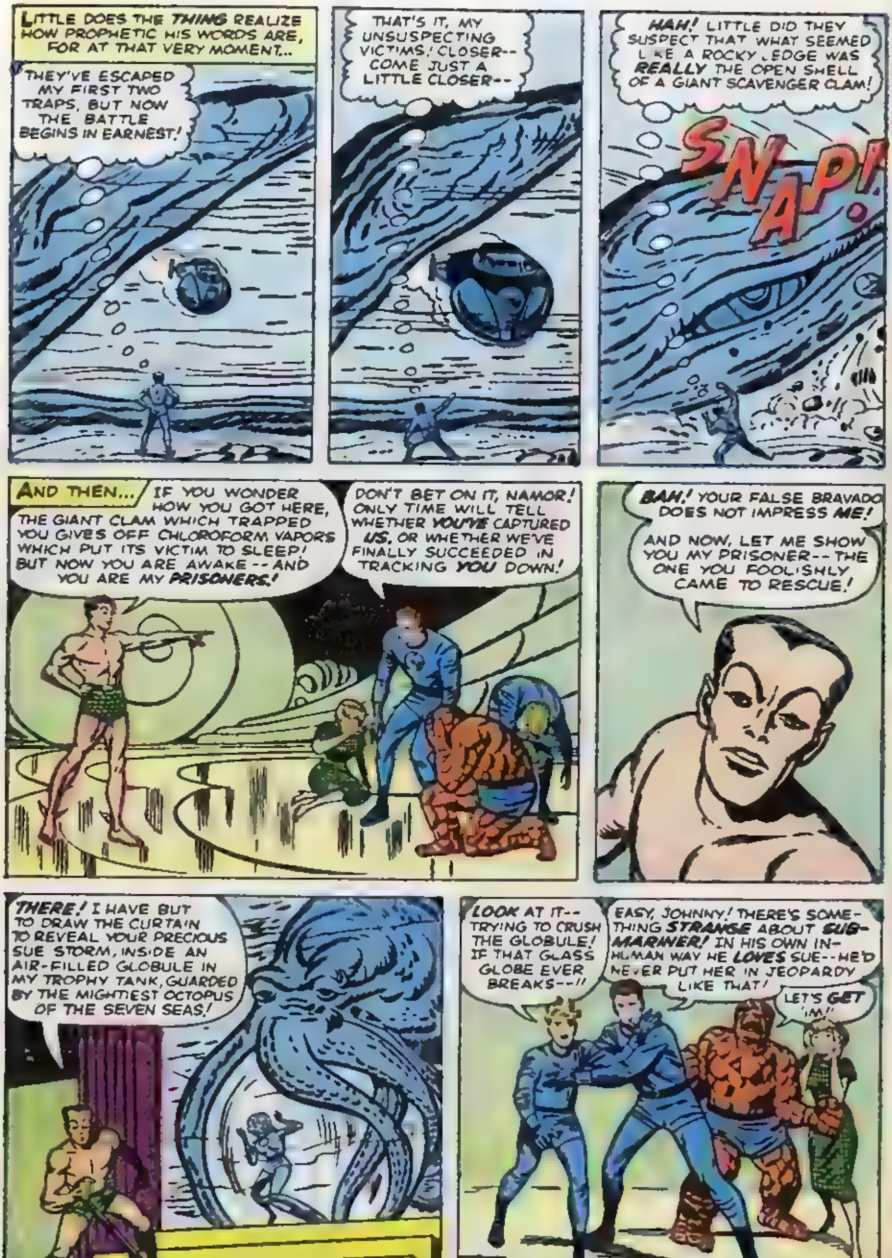

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ME, YOU FLAT-HEADED CREEP! THAT'S MY SISTER IN THERE!
FLAME ON!
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SURPRISE, TORCH! THERE IS AN UNDERSEA CREATURE WHICH LIVES IN A COLD, ICY CAVE! TO KEEP ALIVE, IT ACTUALLY DEVOURS ANY KIND OF HEAT...
AND THIS IS IT! THE LIVING WEAPON WITH WHICH I SHALL DEFEAT YOUR FLAMING POWER ONCE AND FOR ALL! A RAVENOUS UNTHINKING FLAME-EATER!
IT'S WORKING! HE IS ABSORBING THE HEAT FROM YOUR BODY AS A SPONGE ABSORBS WATER!
GETTING WEAK --ALL THE FLAME--ALL THE STRENGTH --DRAINING AWAY FROM ME--CAN'T --CAN'T STAY ALOFT--
LOOK AT YOURSELF, TORCH! BEHOLD THE FABULOUS, FABLED HERO OF MILLIONS!
BUT MY FLAME-EATER HAS HAD ENOUGH! HE CAN ABSORB NO MORE! HE HAS DONE HIS TASK WELL!
ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR ME TO FINISH THE JOB, WITH MY BARE HANDS!
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITIN' FOR? I NEVER LEARNED HOW TO SAY "UNCLE"!!
OH NO YOU DON'T, FISH-FACE! THAT BRAVE LITTLE KID IS WORTH A DOZEN DOUBLE-CROSSERS LIKE YOU!
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT! IF YOU CAN BRING IN THOSE CREEPY SEA-CREATURES OF YOURS, THEN THE TORCH CAN USE A LITTLE HELP, TOO! AND, BROTHER, HE'S GONNA GET IT!

YOU WILL FIND THAT PRINCE NAMOR IS NOT A PUNY SURFACE-MAN, WHO CRINGES AT THE SOUND OF THE THING'S VOICE!
HOLY HANNAH! YOU'RE AS SLIPPERY AS AN EEL! COME BACK HERE AND FIGHT, YA WEASEL!
I'LL FIGHT YOU, NEVER FEAR! BUT, YOU UGLY BLUNDERING OAF, WE SHALL FIGHT MY WAY-- ON MY TERMS! HERE, LET ME TOSS YOU A LITTLE PRESENT--
OWW! IT--IT'S RAZOR SHARP!!
SO, MY DAGGER-NEEDLE CORAL IS NOT TO YOUR LIKING! WELL THEN, PERHAPS THIS BIT OF DEEP-SEA FUNGUS WILL SUIT YOU BETTER!
COME DOWN AND FIGHT, YOU CRUMB! YOU'LL PROBABLY BE THROWIN' SPIT-BALLS NEXT!
OH, BUT I NEGLECTED TO MENTION ONE THING --YOU WILL FIND THAT PIECE OF FUNGUS MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU SUSPECTED!
YOU SEE, IT SPREADS OUT ON CONTACT WITH ANY LIVING THING, ENGULFING WHATEVER IT TOUCHES, AS IT GROWS HARDER-- AND HARDER--
THERE, YOU LUMBERING CLOD! I HAVE BEATEN YOU! I HAVE TRAPPED YOU IN A LIVING PRISON--A PRISON FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
THAT'S IT, THING! STRUGGLE HELPLESSLY! WRITHE, AND BEND, AND FLEX YOUR NOW-USELESS MUSCLES! IN ANOTHER SECOND EVEN THAT ACTIVITY WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU!
SONNY, DID ANYONE EVER TELL YA YOU GOT A BIG MOUTH!
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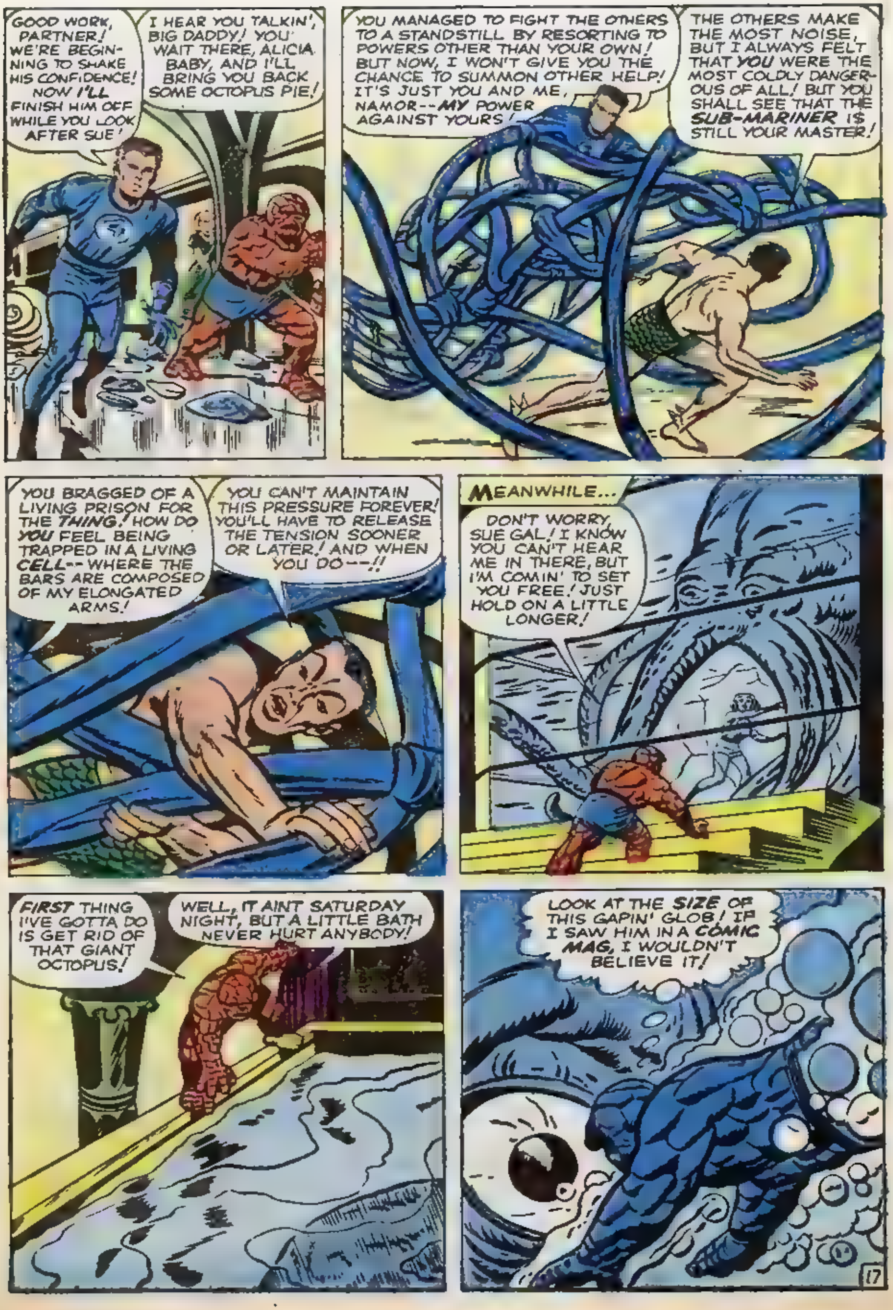
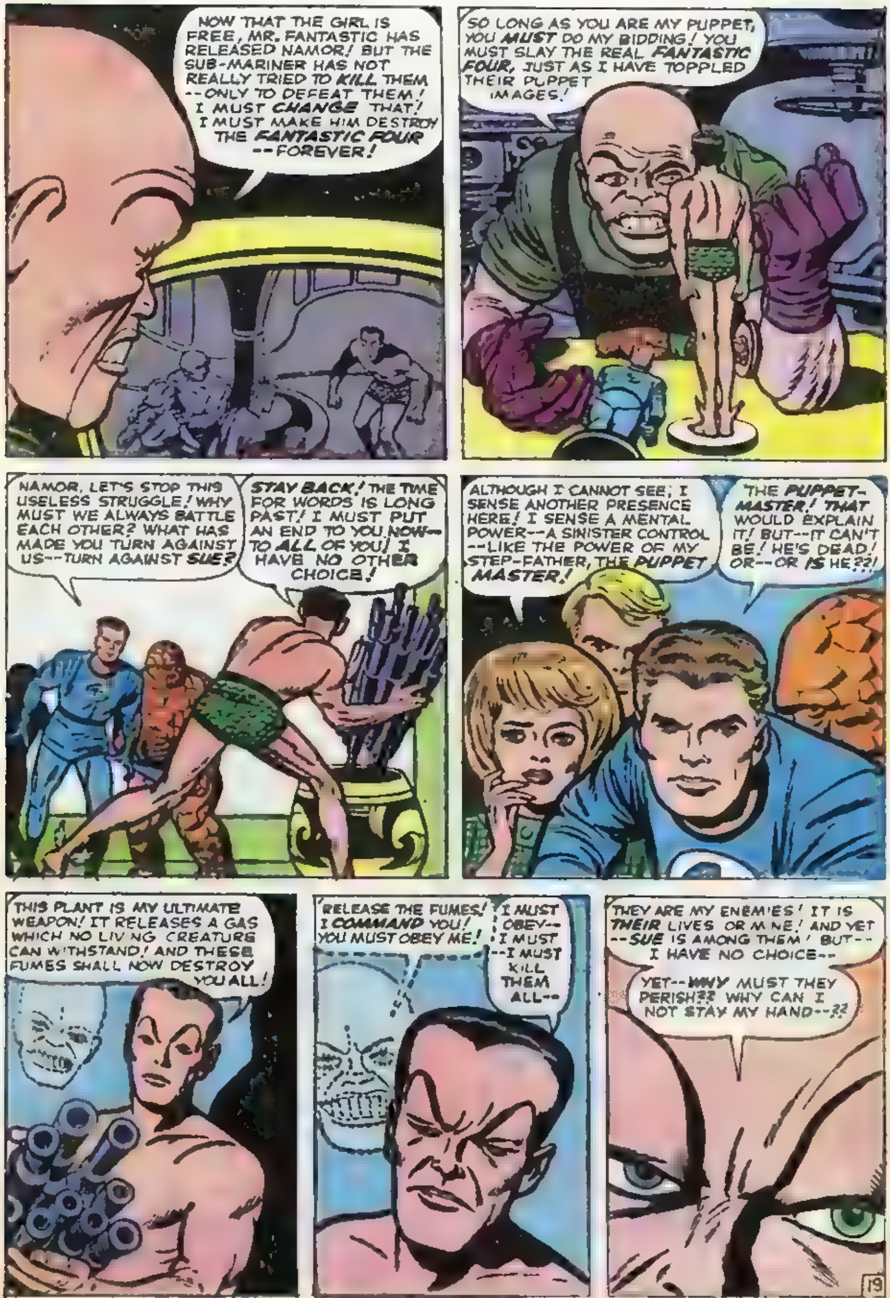


GOOD WORK, PARTNER! WE'RE BEGINNING TO SHAKE HIS CONFIDENCE! NOW I'LL FINISH HIM OFF WHILE YOU LOOK AFTER SUE!
I HEAR YOU TALKIN', BIG DADDY! YOU WAIT THERE, ALICIA BABY, AND I'LL BRING YOU BACK SOME OCTOPUS PIE!
YOU MANAGED TO FIGHT THE OTHERS TO A STANDSTILL BY RESORTING TO POWERS OTHER THAN YOUR OWN! BUT NOW, I WON'T GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO SUMMON OTHER HELP! IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, NAMOR--MY POWER AGAINST YOURS!
THE OTHERS MAKE THE MOST NOISE, BUT I ALWAYS FELT THAT YOU WERE THE MOST COLDLY DANGEROUS OF ALL! BUT YOU SHALL SEE THAT THE SUB-MARINER IS STILL YOUR MASTER!
YOU BRAGGED OF A LIVING PRISON FOR THE THING! HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING TRAPPED IN A LIVING CELL--WHERE THE BARS ARE COMPOSED OF MY ELONGATED ARMS!
YOU CAN'T MAINTAIN THIS PRESSURE FOREVER! YOU'LL HAVE TO RELEASE THE TENSION SOONER OR LATER! AND WHEN YOU DO--!!
MEANWHILE...
DON'T WORRY, SUE GAL! I KNOW YOU CAN'T HEAR ME IN THERE, BUT I'M COMIN' TO SET YOU FREE! JUST HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER!
FIRST THING I'VE GOTTA DO IS GET RID OF THAT GIANT OCTOPUS!
WELL, IT AINT SATURDAY NIGHT, BUT A LITTLE BATH NEVER HURT ANYBODY!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS GAPIN' GLOB! IF I SAW HIM IN A COMIC MAG, I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!

SCORE ONE FOR OUR SIDE! HE TURNED AWAY FROM TRYIN' TO SHATTER THAT GLOBE, AND HE'S COMIN' AFTER ME!
I'LL JUST GRAB AHOLD OF THESE TENTACLES BEFORE HE KNOWS WHAT'S HAPPENIN'!!
HIS BRAIN IS SO SMALL THAT I'LL SWING HIM OUTTA HERE BEFORE HE CAN THINK OF TRYIN' TO BREAK MY HOLD!
OKAY, CUDDLES, HANG ON--YOU'RE GOIN' FOR A LITTLE RIDE!
THEN, AS THE MONSTROUS, UNTHINKING CREATURE GOES SKIMMING TOWARDS THE TOP OF NAMOR'S ENORMOUS DOMED HEADQUARTERS THE THING RUSHES TO SUE STORM...
HOLD YOUR BREATH, SUE. I'LL HAVE YOU OUTTA HERE IN TWO SECONDS.
BRAVE KID! NOT A WHIMPER OUT OF HER! FIRST TIME I EVER SAW A FEMALE WHO COULD KEEP HER MOUTH SHUT SO LONG!
BUT AS THE TRIUMPHANT THING CARRIES SUE TO SAFETY ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES ARE FOCUSED ON THE TENSE SCENE.
THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE MORE POWERFUL
THIS WAS NOT THE WAY I PLANNED IT!
EVEN IN HIS OWN UNDERSEA LAIR, THE ACCURSED FOURSOME MAY SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE SUB-MARINER!
NO LONGER CAN I LET THINGS TAKE THEIR NATURAL COURSE! NOW I MYSELF MUST TAKE A HAND! IT IS TIME FOR ME TO DESTROY THEM ALL!



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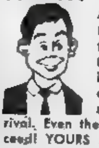

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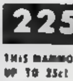

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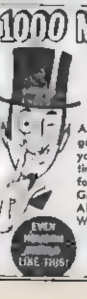

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I DIDN'T MEAN TO ACTIVATE THE FUMES!! HOW WERE THEY RELEASED?? WHAT'S CONTROLLING ME??
BUT--YOU'RE STILL--STILL STANDING! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NOTHING CAN SURVIVE THOSE LETHAL FUMES! NOT EVEN YOU!!
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ONE SIDE, SUE! WE GOT US SOME MOPPIN' UP TO DO!
I WANT HIM FIRST! JUST HIM AND ME -WITH NO CREEPY FISH HELPIN' HIM!
WAIT! ALL OF YOU--STOP! YOU MUSTN'T! LISTEN TO ME!
HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING! HE ISN'T TO BLAME FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED! ALICIA WAS RIGHT! NAMOR IS UNDER SOME SORT OF A SPELL--UNDER SOME EVIL INFLUENCE! I KNOW IT!
STAND ASIDE! THEY DO NOT FRIGHTEN THE SUB-MARINER!
BUT, AT THAT FATEFUL MOMENT, THE GIANT OCTOPUS, WHICH HAD BEEN HURLED TO THE TOP OF NAMOR'S DOME BY THE RAMPAGING THING, SHATTERS THE THICK PLEXIGLASS SHELL IN AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF ALMOST LIMITLESS STRENGTH!
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AND THEN, FREE ONCE MORE TO RAVAGE THE OCEAN DEPTHS, THE MIGHTY CREATURE, IN ITS UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE, SEEKS A NEW VICTIM TO ATTACK!
UP AHEAD! SOMETHING WAVERING-- TENTACLES REACHING TOWARDS ME--
OH NO--NO! IT'S THE BEAST--THE GIANT OCTOPUS! IT SEES ME! IT'S COMING TOWARDS THE SUB!
TOO LATE TO CHANGE COURSE! ONLY ONE CHANCE! I'VE GOT TO CONTROL IT! I'VE ONLY SECONDS IN WHICH TO MAKE A PUPPET OF THE DEADLY BRUTE!!
HE'S COMING CLOSER! BUT HE WON'T GET ME! I'LL HAVE HIM UNDER MY CONTROL BEFORE HE CAN TOUCH THE SHIP! NO ONE CAN DEFEAT THE PUPPET MASTER, AS LONG AS I HAVE MY RADIO-ACTIVE CLAY!
BUT, IN HIS FRANTIC HASTE, THE PUPPET MASTER OVERLOOKS ONE LITTLE DETAIL--A DETAIL WHICH MEANS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VICTORY, OR DISASTER FOR HIM!
FOR THE SINISTER SCULPTOR FORGOT THAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL THE MIND OF A CREATURE WHICH IS ALMOST MINDLESS! AND SO...
NO! STAY BACK! BACK! I COMMAND YOU! IT'S NO USE! HE DOESN'T OBEY! HE'S TRYING TO CRUSH THE SUB--
AND, AT THAT SAME SPLIT-SECOND, SUB-MARINER SUDDENLY RECOILS, AS THOUGH HIS BRAIN HAS RECEIVED A VIOLENT SHOCK!
OHHH! MY HEAD! THE PRESSURE-- IT'S GONE!!
LOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO NAMOR!
NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! THE WATER IS RUSHING IN THRU THAT GAPING HOLE ABOVE!
HEY! THE TORCH FIXED IT! HE WELDED IT TOGETHER AGAIN WITH HIS FLAME! SO YOU FINALLY PULLED YOUR OWN WEIGHT AROUND HERE, EH, SONNY BOY?!!
AW, KNOCK IT OFF, THING! YOU KNOW THAT IF I HAD MY OWN FAN CLUB, YOU'D BE THE FIRST ONE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE PRESIDENT!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING HERE? HOW DARE YOU INVADE THE SANCTUM OF PRINCE NAMOR UNINVITED?? EXPLAIN YOURSELVES!
I'LL BE BLANKETTY-BLANKED! HE'S EITHER THE WORLD'S BEST ACTOR, OR ELSE HE REALLY WAS UNDER SOME KINDA SPELL!!
SUE, HAVE YOU COME TO ME AT LAST--TO SHARE MY UNDERSEA DOMAIN?
NO, NAMOR! MUCH AS YOU FASCINATE ME, MY LOYALTIES ARE STILL WITH REED! AS FOR MY HEART--PERHAPS ONE DAY IT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A FINAL CHOICE--BUT NOT YET!
ENOUGH OF THIS! A PRINCE DOES NOT BEG!
AS FOR ME, I HAVE A MISSION YET TO COMPLETE --I STILL MUST FIND MY VANISHED PEOPLE!
MAP OF UNDERSEA EARTH
SOONER OR LATER, I SHALL LOCATE THEM! I SHALL FIND THE LOST RACE OF SUB-MARINERS! AND THEN WE SHALL SEE TO WHOM THIS PLANET RIGHTLY BELONGS!! DO YOU HEAR ME-- WE SHALL SEE!!!
NOW, RETURN TO THE SURFACE! YOU HAVE NO FURTHER BUSINESS HERE! TAKE THE GIRL, REED RICHARDS--TAKE HER, AND HOLD HER IF YOU CAN! BUT HEED MY WORDS--NEVER SHALL SHE FORGET PRINCE NAMOR!
I'LL GO GET OUR BATHYSCAPH BEFORE THAT CORNBALL STARTS RECITIN' HAMLET!
GOODBYE, NAMOR! I PRAY THAT SOME-DAY YOU WILL LOSE THE BITTERNESS FROM YOUR HEART, AND THAT YOU MIGHT BECOME --OUR FRIEND!
FRIEND? THAT IS TOO MILD A WORD FOR THE SUB-MARINER! FAREWELL-- FOR NOW!
YEECH! ALL WE NEED NOW IS A BRASS BAND!
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I WONDER IF IT REALLY WAS THE PUPPET MASTER WHO WAS CONTROLLING NAMOR?
LET US HOPE NOT! FOR IF HE STILL LIVES, THAN NONE OF US ARE SAFE!
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE SAFE, BABY AS LONG AS I'M AROUND!
STRANGE, I CANNOT REMEMBER WHAT BROUGHT THEM HERE--AND YET, I FEEL AS THOUGH A TERRIBLE WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM ME!
AND SO THE FANTASTIC FOUR LEAVE THE UNDERSEA REALM OF PRINCE NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER, AS THEY HEAD FOR ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE ADVENTURES OF ALL TIME! BUT THAT'S A TALE FOR NEXT ISSUE!
THE END

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FANTASTIC 4 FAN PAGE

Dear Stan and Jack:

We have formed a Fantastic Four fan club, and would like for you to send us ideas for some activities we can do at the meetings. At present at our meetings, we: first read our reports on the last adventure, then, make up a new adventure and *play* it. After that, our president, Mr. Fantastic, assigns parts of the adventure to each person. If you can, please send us materials to get going. Thank you.

Fantastically yours,
Stewart Scheifer, Secretary,
FF Fan Club
330 E. 173 St.
New York 57, N.Y.

Say, Stu, you ought to send US material — you seem to have more ideas than WE do! Actually we've heard from MANY friends who are starting F.F. fan clubs, and as soon as we can figure out what to do about it we're gonna devote some space to fan club doings in a future ish.

Dear Stan and Jack:

As an English major at the University of Texas, I would like to congratulate you on the high standards of literary excellence you've set in "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine." I love it! Sometimes the symbolism is too much for me — but that doesn't keep me from enjoying each exciting issue. Your mag is as good as the great comics of the early 50's. So keep up the good work. I can hardly wait for the next issue.

Bill Hauptman
Box 39
A-Bar Hotel
Austin, Texas

Bill, we'll REALLY know we've arrived when we hear that some English major wrote a term paper about the F.F., thereby winning a scholarship! But we won't hold our breaths waiting!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I may have missed out, but please inform me what happened to Dr. Doom's face, and why it is so horrible to look at? Also, how about a story concerning the Ant-Man, Thor, or Spider-Man meeting the FF. And I didn't know Dr. Doom, the Invisible Girl, or the Hulk could fly. On the cover of ish 10, you have all of them flying. Please explain!

David Languth
106 24th St.
Altoona, Pa.

Some day in the future, Dave, we'll do a nice long meaty story about what really happened to DOC DOOM'S face — so let's save it till then. As for the F.F. meeting some of our other super-heroes – could be! But the gang on the cover of ish #10 WEREN'T flying – that's known as a symbolic drawing — a vignette — an impressionistic rendition — a surrealistic interpretation of — aw, heck! It would be easier to claim that they CAN fly!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I believe that Thing should be the head of the gang because he is the strongest guy in the gang. Now, what do you say?

Victor Phillips
410 North Hamilton
Indianapolis, Indiana

We'll say what we ALWAYS say! We'll pass the buck by asking you fans to VOTE on it! Anybody think someone other than Reed should head the F.F.?

Dear Stan and Jack:

I have compiled a list of what I think are the best stories, art, etc. of '62. This list does not include #1. Best story — *The End of the Fantastic Four.* Best artwork — issues #4 and #9. Most humorous story — #9 and #7. Most humorous panels — #'s 2-5, page 9, #9; panel #1, page 4, issue #9; panel #2, page 10, issue #2. Best all-round issue — #9, which in my opinion will never be equalled. Now for a couple of questions: In #2, the Thing says that he never gets tired, but in #9 when he fights the Sub-Mariner, he gets so tired that he can hardly stand. Also, in #1, the flare-gun shoots the words, "The Fantastic Four" into the air. Now all it shoots is the number "4." How come? In closing, I would like to give you my utmost congratulations — for yours is the only one that indeed deserves the title of "The World's Greatest Comic Magazine!"

Lee Whittlesey
320 West Johnson
Norman, Oklahoma

The THING never DID get tired until he fought the SUB-MARINER – but battling Prince Namor isn't exactly a rest cure! As for the flare gun, the F.F. saves a lot of smoke with each shot by only using one numeral — and, with the high price of smoke today, every little bit counts! Or, would you rather have the truth, Lee? We GOOFED again! So shoot us!

Dear Stan and Jack:

I like your comic mag a lot, but what I don't understand is who drives the Fantasticar when the four parts of it are together?

Jeffrey Roy Pontello
R. D. 6, Fairdale
Cambridge, Ohio

Usually Reed, although any of the four can handle it. Due to MR. FANTASTIC'S inventive genius, it's actually easier to handle than the average family car.

Dear Stan and Jack:

Sorry, but I don't agree that F. F. is the "World's Greatest Comic!" Matter of fact, the stories are often poorly written (perhaps you have too many irons in the fire, Stan!), the art, sloppy! What I can't understand is — why I like it!!! Being a collector-type, I have all 11 issues. All right, so I'm a nut!

Mark Savage
1104 W. 4th St.
Tyler, Texas

So you bought the first eleven issues? So we should have more nuts like you!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Now listen here. I just can't stand to hold back any longer. I've just read issue #11 of FF, and all I can say is that your magazine is unequaled, matchless, first class, rare, priceless, exquisite, choice, unobjectionable, and inestimably fine. The original creativity that you give is unheard of, truely making your mag the T.W.G.C.M. (The World's Greatest Comic Magazine.) Another thing. Anybody who wants to drop the Invisible Girl is nuts! She adds that special touch that makes your mag great. In issue #11, the ideas were stupendous! 'A Visit With the Fantastic Four' was a brand new idea never before thought of or dared. 'The Impossible Man' met all expectations and more. Congratulations, Stan Lee! Keep up the good work.

Kathleen McCoy
630 Central Ave.
Oildale, California

One thing we like, Kathy, is a fan with IMPECCABLE judgment and taste!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Your mag is truly the "World's Greatest Comic Book." As your issues went on, they got better in art and stories. I'd like to say that Prince Namor is a good villain, but he is very ugly (with long eyebrows and pointed ears). What

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Sue sees in him is beyond me. Please have a ballot on Sue's marrying Reed. I vote yes all the way

Joseph Shoemaker
27 Sunny Crest Rd.
Trumbull, Connecticut

Joey boy, there are SOME things that can't be settled by a vote!

Dear Stan and Jack:

When I first bought your magazine, I thought it was just another drop-in-the-bucket. But then I started to thumb through it — Boy, oh boy, what a mistake I'd made. This magazine has fine artwork, the characters have reality, and you seem to be able to weasel out of any error your readers say you make. But here's one you can't squirm out of: In #11, page 10, the Impossible Man turned into the Old Man of the Sea. Now, how could he do this when he's a stranger to the earth and knows nothing about us, Hmmm?

Richard Eilts
109 Henderlong Pkwy.
Crown Point, Indiana

Simple, Dick! Where do you think the Old Man of the Sea CAME from? He was an alien TOO, from the Impossible Man's home planet! In fact, rumor hath it that they were second cousins.

Dear Stan and Jack:

In your recent story, 'The Return of Dr. Doom,' you show Reed Richards changing bodies with Dr. Doom. So when Reed Richards (as Dr. Doom) had Doom's body, he should have been able to get out of the airless chamber because he had Dr. Doom's brain! Explain this. And please, no wise cracks.

Kevin Johnson
600 Pioneer Ave.
Tooele, Utah

Uh uh, Kevin! Nobody said anything about their changing BRAINS! They only swapped BODIES! They KEPT their own personalities, remember? And another thing — if you spent an hour a day, every day, reading fan mail, YOU'D feel like bustin' loose with a wise-crack once in a while yourself!

Dear Stan and Jack:

Nine issues ago, I sent you guys the best of luck with your F.F. Now I realize that you didn't need luck, but you got something three times as good, that something being the most inventive comic in the history of the business. Each issue of F.F. brought new surprises as well as carefully worked out plots and artwork. The villains are very unique indeed, and your human approach, although a bit overdone, is a revolutionary idea never before attempted in a comic mag. The Thing and his crazy humor never fail to break me up, even in the most tense situation. Mr. Fantastic seems a born leader, and the Torch — well, he's just terrific. Sue Storm — ooh-la-la. Enough said. One gripe, however. Other fans might lynch me for even bringing this up, but I think the covers on each issue are too cluttered with action. Well, now that I've got that off my chest, may I say don't let the stories get stale, and I'll be a fan for life

Jim Broeker
4336 N Lawndale
Chicago 18, Illinois

Jim, we couldn't let these mags get stale if we WANTED to — not with you wide-awake fans breathing down our necks every minute — bless you all!

Dear Stan and Jack.

Oboy, oboy, oboy, I found a goof in ish #11, where Mr. Fantastic was talking about Sue's being helpful with the Skrulls. In the picture, page 10, panel 4, you show her tripping a Skrull The dotted outline of her is no doubt an outline of Sue in her uniform, but the FF's didn't get their uniforms until the ish following the Skrull adventure You made another goof on Sue's cake First the cake said, "Happy Birthday to Sue," but in the next panel, it says, "Happy Birthday Susan." So, two goofs — but they didn't effect how good this particular story was — "A Visit with the Fantastic Four" Enjoyed your new ish immensely. "The Impossible Man" was great and so was the Pin-up Page. The main things I want to see are: an FF annual; a reprint of # 1; the FF in T.V. or movies. I love the "World's Greatest Comic Mag." Thanks a lot for it.

Arthur Davis, Jr.
2809 Avenham Ave
Roanoke, Virginia

And thank YOU, A.D., for taking the time, etc. As far as all our mistakes are concerned, we make 'em while we're being real careful! Can you imagine if we ever get CARELESS??!

Dear Stan and Jack.

Issue #11 was one of the worst issues you've ever printed. The Fantastic Four hardly tried to stop the Impossible Man. It showed that the Four were no match for him — and the Impossible Man is a ridiculous villain. I would like to see Submariner come back in a future issue. And I have an idea as to how you can get Dr. Doom back. What if he were to shrink into an atom world, a world inside an atom. The people who inhabited that atom would have their own tiny world, and a race far ahead of us in scientific knowledge. They would enlarge Dr. Doom until he would be his normal size. With these two villains, you've really got the greatest mag.

Barry Goldstein
50 Ave. D
New York 9, N. Y.

And WITHOUT 'em I suppose we're just hamfat, eh? Oh well, to each his own!

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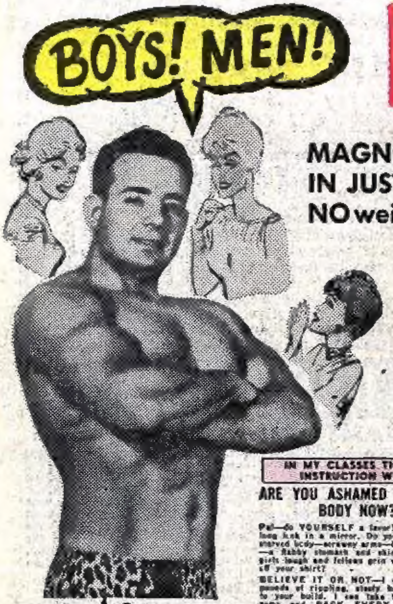

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Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

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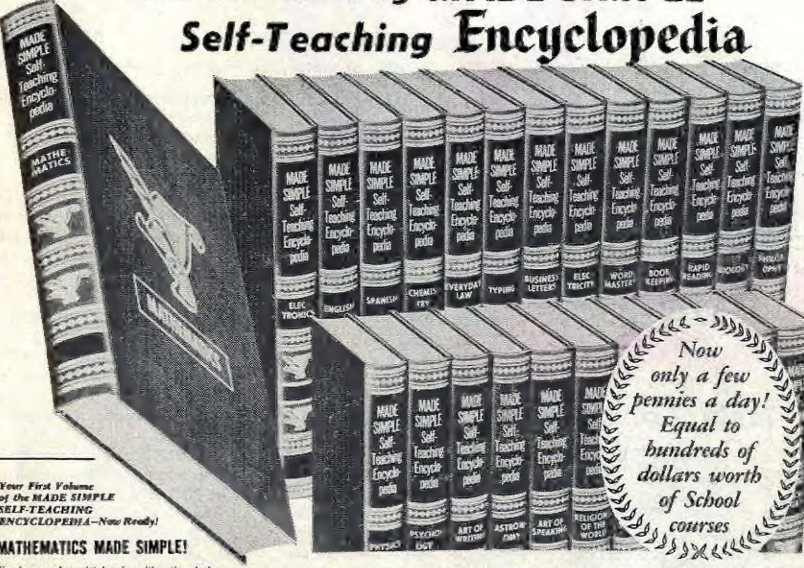

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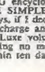

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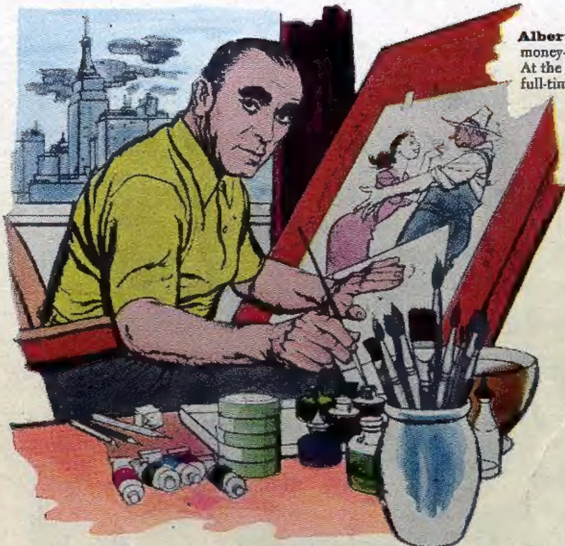

Albert Dorne — probably the greatest money-maker in the history of commercial art. At the height of his career, he began a full-time search for people who like to draw.

He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

TODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures, and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

John Busketta is another. He was a pipefitter's helper in a big gas company. Today he still works for the same company, but as an artist in the advertising department, with a big increase in pay.

Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

John Whitaker of Memphis was an airline clerk two years ago. Recently he won a national cartooning contest and was signed to do a newspaper comic strip.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists —men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

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